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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

the measures the Government propose to take to capture the world market of foodgrains keeping in view the WTO agreement?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

To encourage exports, the Government has taken a decision to remove quantitative restrictions on export of wheat, procedural restrictions such as registration of contracts for non-Basmati rice with APEDA and taken various other steps forpromoting exports of foodgrains. These include publicity campaigns, sending of trade delegations, participation in international trade fairs, invitation to potential buyers and provision of financial assistance to exporters for improving quality packaging, brand promotion of products and conduct of market surveys.